**It's all over today**
Stormy season ends for Arkansas as it hosts Missouri in Fayetteville. – Sports, 1C

***Coco* is just so-so**
Pixar taps Hispanic market with lesser effort, but it's progress. – Style, 1D

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## In the news

■ **Raj Shah**, a White House spokesman, called "completely false" a claim by Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., that top economic adviser Gary Cohn faked bad reception to get President Donald Trump off the phone during a meeting on tax legislation.

■ **Randy Bresnik**, a U.S. astronaut aboard the International Space Station, said that after feasting on single-serve pouches of Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes and candied yams, he'll appreciate next year's holiday with his wife's home cooking that much more.

■ **Elmer Alvarez**, a homeless man in Connecticut who found a $10,000 check and returned it to its owner because he wanted to "do the right thing," was rewarded with housing and a job interview, arranged by the real estate agent who lost the check.

■ **Julia Poff**, 46, of Brookshire, Texas, faces several charges after, court documents say, she mailed homemade explosives to former President Barack Obama and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott that could have maimed or killed them.

■ **Brendan Evans**, 31, was arrested after Hollywood, Fla., police traced his DNA to an abandoned suitcase with a young pit bull, suffering fatal beating and stabbing injuries, stuffed inside.

■ **Art Gukasayan** of Fog Shots distillery in Los Angeles said burglars sawed through deadbolts to get inside a storage room and steal 1,800 gallons of vodka, about 90 percent of the company's holiday inventory.

■ **Carlos Gonzalez-Oliver**, 41, who purchased a birthday cake for one of his New Britain, Conn., roommates, was arrested after getting into an argument with another roommate who destroyed the cake and was fatally stabbed, police said.

■ **John Kibbey**, who was 2 when his father, Air Force Col. Richard Kibbey, was listed as missing in action after his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam, told the *Orlando Sentinel* that a ceremony in which his family received his father's aluminum identification tags, found by a Vietnamese farmer, marks "a fulfillment of a promise made: You will never be forgotten."

### No business section

Because the stock markets were closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day, there is no business section in today's editions.

### WEATHER

**LITTLE ROCK**
**Today** Mostly sunny.
**High** 66 with southwest winds.
**Tonight** Partly to mostly cloudy.
**Low** 47.

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## 91st Macy's Thanksgiving parade

AP/CRAIG RUTTLE

A balloon of Red from Angry Birds is followed by a SpongeBob SquarePants balloon Thursday as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade proceeds along Central Park West in New York. An increased police presence was seen along the parade route, but the annual event went off smoothly. *Article, 2A*

# Flynn lawyers sever ties with Trump's team

## In Mueller probe, sharing of information said to end

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WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, notified the president's legal team in recent days that they could no longer discuss the special counsel's investigation, according to four people involved in the case.

The call from Flynn lawyer Robert Kelner to Trump attorney John Dowd came Wednesday evening and is a potentially ominous sign for Trump and other close associates to the president. Before this week, Kelner had been strategizing with lawyers for Trump, his son Donald Trump Jr. and his son-in-law Jared Kushner, among others.

Flynn's lawyers had been sharing information about the investigation by the special counsel, Robert Mueller, who is examining whether anyone around Trump was involved in Russian efforts to undermine Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

That agreement has been terminated, the four people said. Defense lawyers frequently share information during investigations, but they must stop when doing so would pose a conflict of interest. It is unethical for lawyers to work together when one client is cooperating with prosecutors and another is still under investigation.

Flynn

Mueller

The notification alone does not prove that Flynn is cooperating with Mueller, but it could be an indication that Flynn is cooperating with prosecutors or negotiating a deal. Some lawyers withdraw from information-sharing arrangements as soon as they begin negotiating with prosecutors. And such negotiations sometimes fall apart.

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# Plumbing vets' memories is personal for Boozman

HUNTER FIELD AND JEANNIE ROBERTS
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AUGUSTA — Arkansas' senior U.S. Sen. John Boozman settled into a low-sitting couch in a cramped Woodruff County living room. On this day, the camera wasn't fixed on him.

Instead of answering questions, Boozman was asking them.

"It's Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017," the Rogers Republican started.

"We're here to get Buddy's reflections about the war."

Buddy, as just about anyone in Augusta will tell you, is Jesse Matthew Trice. The World War II Army veteran was born 100 years ago in this sleepy White River town.

"Right down the hill," Trice tells Boozman, pointing out the window toward the neighborhood where he grew up.

It's a big day for Augusta, if the guests in the green-carpeted sitting room are any indication. There's the mayor, the sheriff, the director of the state Department of Veterans Affairs, Trice's family and a reporter from Woodruff County's newspaper meticulously recording the happenings.

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**Carl Koone** laughs with Anita Deason, military and veterans affairs liaison for U.S. Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas, as they look through some of Koone's photos from his time in the Army during World War II.

# Trump applauds troops on holiday

## He cites gains since 'I opened it up'

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President Donald Trump marked the Thanksgiving holiday by paying tribute to U.S. troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East, and warned about sending sophisticated weapons to American allies that one day could become the enemy.

Trump cited progress in Afghanistan, where he authorized a small increase in U.S. forces to help train and advise local fighters in the battle against the Taliban. And, he said, the fight against the Islamic State is "coming our way" amid gains in Iraq and Syria that have stripped the militant group of its remaining strongholds.

"Everybody is talking about the progress you've made in the last few months since I opened it up," Trump told the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan, during a morning video call from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Fla. "We're not fighting anymore to just walk around. We're fighting to win. You've turned it around over the last three to four months like nobody has seen, and they are talking about it."

Throughout the day —

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# Impeachment never a goal, Mugabe told

## Zimbabwean still a hero, party says

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HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's ruling party assured Robert Mugabe that he wouldn't be prosecuted if he resigned, a party official said Thursday, as the country prepared to move on from his 37-year rule.

"Prosecuting him was never part of the plan," said Lovemore Matuke, chief whip of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. "He is safe, his family is safe and his status as a hero of his country is assured. All we were saying is resign or face impeachment."

Simon Khaya Moyo, a spokesman for the ruling party, reiterated that point.

"We don't have anything against him or his family. He's the hero of our liberation," Moyo said.

Mugabe, who resigned on Tuesday as lawmakers began impeaching him, has

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AP/BEN CURTIS

**Zimbabwean troops** parade Thursday during a dress rehearsal for today's presidential inauguration of Emmerson Mnangagwa at the National Sports Stadium in Harare.

# Door open for Rohingya refugees to return, Burma says

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BANGKOK — Burma has agreed to take back Muslim Rohingya refugees who fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape violence in Burma's Rakhine state.

Burma announced the agreement but provided no details on how many Rohingya refugees would be allowed to return home. Bangladesh said the repatriations are to begin within two months.

More than 620,000 Rohingya have fled from Burma into Bangladesh since Aug. 25, when the army began what it called "clearance operations" after an attack on police posts by a group of Rohingya insurgents. Refugees arriving in Bangladesh said their homes were set on fire by soldiers and Buddhist mobs, and some reported being shot at by security forces.

"The first step of the repatriation process has been done," said Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali of Bangladesh.

Ali, who in September accused Burma's military of killing thousands of Rohingya, said he would not divulge the terms and conditions of

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